

## REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for thoroughly reviewing the subject patent application. All claims are now believed to be in allowable condition.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-4, 8-12 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e), as being anticipated by Tsai et al., U.S. Patent 6,274,918, is requested, based on the following argument.

In Applicant's invention for a photodiode a multiplicity of finger-like n-wells that are connected to a conductive region at one end are formed in a p-type region. Tsai's patent for a Zener diode contains parts that are n- layers, 26-28, that are formed in openings of a p+ layer, 18. The n-layer parts are composed of isolated elements each of which is like an elongated ellipse, the entire outer edges contacting the p+ region and the entire inner edges contacting an n+ layer. We believe that even these parts of Tsai's patent taken by themselves are clearly distinct from Applicants' invention. Although Tsai (col. 2, lines 55-62) does refer to finger-like portions, this refers to the cross-sectional view of Fig.2, but the n- regions as a whole are not finger like.


In summary, all claims are now believed to be in allowable condition and reconsideration of the rejections and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

It is requested that should there be any problems with this Amendment, please call the undersigned attorney at (845) 452-5863.

Respectfully submitted,

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